



Spring 2025

"The Time of God's Favor"

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." **Luke 4:18-19**

Praise God! It is the time of God's favor! Jesus' life was empowered by the Spirit and marked by love and clarity of purpose and mission, to proclaim good news to the poor, freedom for the oppressed, sight for the blind, and liberation for the captives. The gospel is directed toward people whose only hope is that God will act on their behalf to accomplish liberation and healing. And Jesus did identify primarily with the socially, religiously, and economically excluded people of his day. His mission is inclusive, restorative, and focused on those in need. Who are those in need around us? We have good news to embody, it is the time of God's favor!

The language Jesus used reminds us of the Year of Jubilee in **Leviticus 25:8-17**, one year in 50 when debts were forgiven and slaves set free. Jesus is saying, "The year of the Lord's favor" is here! God has brought humanity freedom from the guilt and effects of sin, we are loved, forgiven and set free in Christ! The omission of **Isaiah 61:2** in **Luke 4:19** was intentional. That verse adds, "and the day of vengeance of our God." Today is the time of the "Lord's favor," not the time of judgment. That is good news! "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him" (**Jn. 3:17**). The mission of declaring God's favor, His grace continues today and we have the joy to bring hope, healing, and freedom to all people, to say, "Come unto me, all who are weary and burdened [who feel guilty, judged, shut out from God, unloved], and I will give you rest" (**Matt. 11:28**). Praise God! It is the time of God's favor!

As you view this Spring edition of the Good Newsletter aside from our regular schedule of worship and Bible studies you will find seasonal Easter events and activities that represent opportunities for spiritual growth, fellowship, and service – loving our neighbors. Pray for people in your life, and for opportunities to embody Christ's message of hope, healing, and freedom to those in need.

Pastor Joe
"I thank my God every time I remember you." **Philippians 1:3**



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UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ CBC

MARCH 5, 12, *19, 26

6:00-7:00 pm Adult Bible Study in the Chapel

6:30-7:30 pm Youth in the Youth House

7:00-8:00 pm Children in Action in room #103

Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Life Center

7:30-8:30 pm Band and Orchestra Rehearsal in the Life Center

March 19 **No Activities (Spring Break Week)**

APRIL 2, 9, *16, 23, 30

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April 16 **No Activities**

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***May 14**

6:30-8:00 pm Children in Action, End of Year Party

***May 21**

6:30 pm Members Meeting in the Chapel

No Adult Prayer & Bible Study

6:30-7:30 pm Youth in the Youth House

7:00-7:45 pm Children in Action, Awards Night, Carpenter Hall

***May 28**

No Activities



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Sunday

March 2nd

9:00am-1:00pm

Join Us Easter Week

Booklets
are
available
to

APRIL

17 Maundy Thursday Service

- 6:30 pm Observance of the Lord's Supper

19 Easter Family Festival

- Saturday, 11:00 am-2:00 pm, Outside Event

20 Resurrection Sunday

- Breakfast 8:30-10:30 am
- Celebration Worship Service, 10:30 am
Life Center (No Nursery or Kids Time)

A colorful graphic for the Easter Family Festival. It features a white bunny on the left, a sun in the top left, and various colorful Easter eggs scattered throughout. The text is centered and reads:

Easter Family Festival

Saturday, April 19th, 2025
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Save the Date!

ATTENTION!
MARCH 2nd Brief Informational Meeting
after Church in the Life Center

WE NEED LOTS OF CANDY!
Start bringing in bags of individually wrapped
candy from March 2nd - April 13th.
Drop off bins are at the back of the Life Center.
See Cindy Lewandowski for ?'s.

“Discover CBC” Class

“Discover CBC” is designed for new members and for persons interested in learning more about CBC.

- Our next class will be on **Sunday, March 30th** after worship (and runs till approximately 1:30 p.m.) in Carpenter Hall.
- There is no cost for the seminar and all materials and lunch will be provided.
- Children are more than welcomed to attend.
- You can register for the class by emailing the church office at: churchoffice@carrollwoodbaptist.org or by calling our office, 813-962-3214 by **Wednesday, March 26.**

WALK WITH US!

Amy Kiefer CBC Team Leader

BABY STEPS

for life

ONE SMALL STEP AT A TIME



DATE:
SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025
CHECK-IN: 9:00 AM

TEAM CBC : Walk to Save a Life

LOCATION:
TAMPA BAY BAPTIST CONF CTR
15601 LAKE MAGDALENE BLVD.
TAMPA, FL 33613

BABYSTEPSFORLIFE.ORG

MEN'S MINISTRY



ALL MEN WELCOME!

Meets on the third Saturday of each month with breakfast, fellowship and prayer together in Carpenter Hall at 8:00 am. See Doug Earle for questions.

Saturdays: March 15th, April 19th (Help with Easter Family Festival) and May 17th

Pasco Baptist Association Hosts:

Wild Game Night

Saturday, March 1st

Cost: \$55

If carpooling with the men, meet at CBC by 4:00 pm.

You are responsible for purchasing your own ticket! See Pastor Matt for ?'s.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY



The Ladies Prayer Brunch and Bible Study is a great monthly gathering for the women of our church, usually held on the second Saturday at 10am.

Saturday, March 8th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm in Carpenter Hall; there will be a Brunch Potluck, Bible Study and Making Lumpia (Filipino Spring Rolls) with Betty Morris!

Saturdays: April 12 and May 10

SIGN UP IN THE LIFE CENTER

CBC KIDS



**Children in Action
Wednesday Nights**

7:00-8:00 pm

Room #103



AMY KIEFER, LEAD



Children in Action

Visit the Humane Society

Saturday, May 3

9:15 am - 12:30 pm

See Amy Kiefer for ?'s

End of Year Party
 Wednesday, May 14
 CA Room #103
 6:30-8:00 pm



Awards Night
 Wednesday, May 21
 Carpenter Hall
 7:00-7:45 pm



Children in Action (1st-5th Grades)
Beach Adventure Day
Saturday, April 26
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
SAND KEY PARK



Wear Your CA Shirt, Sneakers, and Bathing Suit (Under Clothes)
 Bring Bag Lunch (Drinks Provided)
 In Small Backpack Include: Sunscreen, Hat, Water Shoes, & Towel
 Contact Amy Kiefer: kieferteacher@msn.com or text 813-968-5480 for ?'s.



KIDSTIME TEAM SCHEDULE
March – May 2025



March	Ministry Team
2	Carol Wade / Sandra Porter / Rhonda Alain
9	Heidi Barlow / Jenna Hogberg / Rhonda Alain
16	FAMILY SUNDAY Special Evangelistic Emphasis (3:16 on 3/16)
23	FAMILY SUNDAY
30	Rusty Walker /Debbie Cakouros /Carmen Rivera/ Sandra Porter

April	Ministry Team
6	Carol Wade / Beth Gonzalez / Lauren Gonzalez / Sandra Porter
13	Heidi Barlow / Mia Mesa / Rhonda Alain
20	EASTER / FAMILY SUNDAY
27	Rusty Walker/ Sandra Porter / Rhonda Alain

May	Ministry Team
4	Carol Wade / Sandra Porter / Rhonda Alain
11	Rusty Walker / Robin Singleton/ Sandra Porter
18	Kate Roberts / Rhonda Alain/ Sandra Porter
25	FAMILY SUNDAY

*Mary Parmley when available

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



Baby Boomer's

BIRTHDAY BASH

When: Wednesday, March 19

What Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Where: Carpenter Hall

What to Wear: Your Favorite Outfit from
that Era (1946-1964)

Cost: \$15 each (includes Food, Birthday Cake & Decorations)

Sign up in Life Center or See Del Garside or Jerry Goss for ?'s



STUDENT MINISTRY

Wednesday Night Discipleship

We're excited to announce that our Wednesday night youth meetings have undergone a refreshing change! Instead of the traditional sermon-style presentation, our youth now gather in a discipleship group setting. This new format encourages intentional Bible study, equips students with the skills to share their testimonies, and fosters meaningful discussions about faith. We look forward to seeing our youth grow closer to God and one another in this dynamic and interactive environment.





Join us after church on **Sunday, May 18**, for a **Spaghetti Fundraiser** supporting our students' trip to camp! We will also be recognizing our high school graduates during our morning worship service. So be sure to come out and enjoy a delicious meal and help invest in the next generation.



SUMMER CAMP 2025

We're thrilled to announce that our youth group will be attending **Student Life Camp at Ridgecrest, NC, from July 26 to August 1, 2025!** This is an incredible opportunity for students to grow spiritually, build lasting friendships, and experience God in a powerful way. The total cost is still being finalized, but fundraising opportunities and scholarships will be available. To secure a spot, parents must notify **Pastor Matt and turn in a \$75 deposit.** Space is limited, so don't wait! If you have questions, contact Pastor Matt today.



MUSIC MINISTRY

As we look forward to celebrating Easter and the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, it is a great time to reflect on the tremendous sacrifice He made for us on the cross. As we think of the great divide that has been lifted between our heavenly Father and us, the only appropriate response is *worship*.



Do you possess a gift for singing or playing music? Are you tech-savvy and eager to expand your skills? If yes, we invite you to become part of our team of dedicated volunteers! Explore opportunities by visiting CarrollwoodBaptist.org and clicking on the "Volunteer" button, or reach out to Pastor Matt via email at matt@carrollwoodbaptist.org. Join us as we work together to worship Jesus!



Wednesday Night Rehearsals

Worship Choir: 7:00 – 8:00 PM
Band, Tech, & Orchestra: 7:30 – 8:30 PM

MISSION NEWS



WOM Quarterly Update:

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am in room #204.

The next meeting dates are **March 11th, April 8th and May 13th.**

We want to give praise to God for our loving, caring, community that has stepped up and provided support, time, and resources to our members in need after the hurricane. Missions are important locally as well as in far off lands. Thanks are in order for your support for Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong offerings. We continue to be involved with the Mission house. We welcome missionary Lisa and hope to hear from her as she is with us for a few months. We will be supporting the Easter Family Festival by filling Easter eggs and VBS for whatever is needed.



INTERNATIONAL
MISSIONS BOARD

Thank you for giving to the
**LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

 **100%**
OF YOUR GIFT SUPPORTS
MISSIONARY PRESENCE



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Church Goal:
\$3,750
Collected:
\$4,182.30
Thank You! Goal Met!



Annie
Armstrong
Easter
Offering

**Week of Prayer
March 2-9**

Lives are being
changed both now
and for eternity
through the impact of
the Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering

**Church Goal:
\$3,750**

Vacation Bible School

SAVE THE DATE



Carrollwood Baptist Church
Babies - 5th Grade

June 23rd - 27th

6:00 - 8:00 pm

**Register online
starting MAY 4th @
Carrollwoodbaptist.org**

VBS Information:

Mondays, March 10 - June 16, VBS Decoration Team will meet from 6:00-8:00 pm at the church on Monday nights. Everyone is invited to join in on any Monday you are available to come and help; please contact Debbie Swindle or Rhonda Alain if you are interested or have any ?'s.

salt2light85@gmail.com or debswindle@gmail.com

Sunday, April 6 - VBS WORKSHOP 12:00-2:00 pm

June 19 - 22 - VBS Decorating Days

Friday, June 27 is Family Night at VBS

Items Needed for VBS:

- Old Christmas Trees (all sizes)
- Camping Gear (lanterns, camping chairs, small tents, sleeping bags etc.)
- Hiking Gear (backpacks, hiking sticks etc.)
- Brown Craft Paper / Brown Paper Bags / Boxes
- Help with creative ideas and making these ideas come to life